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**Department of Health Services
Children's Medical Services Network
(CMS Net) - Information Bulletin # 37**

***** Important Information for counties using CMS Net *****

The State of California, Department of Health Services, Children's Medical Services Branch mailed Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) to all active CCS cases (effective April 12, 2003) on behalf of each county on the CMS Net system. A narrative was systematically updated in all of the active CCS case records as follows:

ENTERED BY: SYSTEM,ADMINISTRATOR (STATE CMS)
SUBJ: HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY (NPP) SENT
HIPAA NPP mailed to client on 4/14/2003 by State Department
of Health Services, Children's Medical Services Branch.

We are in the process of updating CMS Net to include English and Spanish versions of the NPP for counties to use. The target date for implementation of the new NPP letters is April 26, 2003. Until then, please follow the directions outlined in Numbered Letter (N.L.) 04-0403 which will be distributed today, 4/13/2003. The N.L. explains when and how to use the NPP and where to obtain copies. The NPP form can be downloaded from the Department's website at www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/ccs or the Office of HIPAA Compliance website at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/hipaa/privacy.htm>.